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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - SIX-PARTY TALKS AND  
INTER-KOREAN SUMMIT

LEAD STORIES: Most Japanese dailies led with the joint  
declaration signed on Thursday by ROK President Roh Moo  
Hyun and DPRK leader Kim Jong Il.

¶1. "Problems Remain in Six-Party Agreement" The  
conservative Sankei editorialized (10/5): "...The  
latest round of the six-party talks looked for a  
detailed roadmap for implementing the 'next phase'  
actions. However, the joint statement announced on  
Wednesday lacks details, and it is problematic in that  
many elements were left ambiguous.... The USG has  
welcomed the planned disablement of three nuclear  
facilities in North Korea as a means to stop the DPRK  
from producing additional plutonium. However, halting  
additional production is only the first step toward  
denuclearization. It is clear that denuclearization of  
the Korean Peninsula will not be realized until such  
issues as how much nuclear material Pyongyang possesses  
are addressed."

¶2. "Colorful Words Not Enough" The liberal Asahi said  
in an editorial (10/5): "ROK President Roh and DPRK  
leader Kim Jong Il signed a joint declaration.... It is  
certain that the move will help promote peace and  
stability in the region.... Attention was paid to how  
the nuclear issue would be addressed in the  
inter-Korean summit. However, there was no progress on  
the matter, as the declaration only pledged cooperation  
on efforts to implement the agreement and joint  
statement adopted by members of the six-party talks....  
Pyongyang should steadily fulfill its pledges, as it  
has confirmed its commitment in the inter-Korean  
declaration."

13. "Denuclearization is Precondition for Peace and Prosperity on Korean Peninsula" The economic-oriented Nikkei editorialized (10/5): "The first inter-Korean summit in seven year ended with the signing of a joint declaration by ROK President Roh and DPRK leader Kim Joint Il. Although the two nations proposed four-way talks involving the US and China to formally end the Korean War and create permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula, it should not be forgotten that complete denuclearization by North Korea is a precondition for this."

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